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Count Luxemburg was a costly luxury for Germany.

Our idea of non-sacrifice is closing a golf club house for the remainder of the winter in order to save fuel.

If Gov. Graham brings back a few carloads of coal from Washington, his mission will not have been in vain.

The much advertised German smash at the allies on the western front is still to come, thanks to the calm courage of the allies.

The idea is growing that Japan's participation in this war is to feather its own nest with the least possible outlay of men and money.

No, don't put a lighted candle back of the Red Cross service flag in your window. Also do not place lighted candles in the Christmas tree. Give the firemen a rest.

"For God's sake wake up" is pretty strong language to accredit to our Vermont congressman, but it is rather stirring when used in connection with American war preparations.

That the American population in France is reaching an appreciable size is indicated by the fact that the London Daily Mail has started an American edition to be printed in Paris.

To cap the climax, some of the electric power generating companies are curtailing service in some places in New England because of "shortage of water." And this, too, after one of the most rainy falls on record!

Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain is a past master at the art of forestalling any proposal of peace from Teutonic sources. George may be expected to nullify any attempt on the part of the Kaiser to insert an entering wedge.

Some Vermont people are so interested in the Red Cross drive that they are subscribing a dollar in the name of prize cattle. On the other hand, there are some Vermont people who are so deaf to the appeal for relief of our soldier boys abroad that they will not subscribe a dollar in their own name. Don't be in the latter class.

Congressman Dale of the second Vermont district comes back from the western war front with a settled conviction that the United States is facing a stupendous task and that the work of preparation ought to be accelerated far beyond the present measure of progress. He has told that to us Vermont people—now let him carry the same message to Washington, where the steps must be taken to speed up the war preparation, chiefly by cutting miles of red tape.

British and French confidence in General Pershing is shared by Americans. The commander of the American expeditionary forces in France is not doing much talking in the public press nowadays and he is respected for his silence by most people, who believe his silence means strict attention to the preparation of his army for the serious work ahead. Pershing was not very communicative when he was at the head of the American forces in Mexico last summer; in fact, he was so uncommunicative that it disturbed the war department now and then. Nevertheless he was doing something. It is expected that he is following the same program in France.

RUMANIA'S DELICATE POSITION.

The position of little Rumania is decidedly delicate. That nation did not sign an armistice with the Teutonic powers because of desire to cut loose from its allegiance with the entente allies but because of necessity when its great neighbor, Russia, entered upon a cessation of hostilities with the Teutons. Rumanian forces would have been wiped off the face of the earth had they still opposed Germany and Austria, after Russia had given up. It would have surely been national suicide to have continued hostilities. Therefore, Rumania finds itself in a very unsatisfactory position—eager to maintain trust with its chosen allies but forced to treat with its enemies to the extent of an armistice. At least that is the opinion held concerning Rumania in the entente world, and the opinion is strengthened by the protestations of allegiance to the allies still coming from the Rumanian capital. Rumania deserves a better fate than to be betrayed by the great neighboring nation, which was foremost in inducing the little nation to enter the war and which promised to protect Rumania.

"FIGHTING FOR A GOOD CAUSE."

After remarking in a letter to a relative in Groton that Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's would not be quite the same this year, a soldier concludes with this: "However, I am thankful that I am here and fighting for a good cause." That is the spirit which is going to carry American arms to success, that is going to put the needed curb on Prussian militarism and that is going to

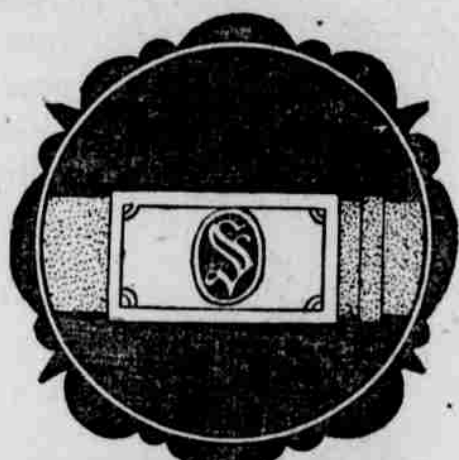


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make the world safe for democracy. The Groton boy who wrote that hit the keynote of the whole military and naval campaign upon which the United States government is launched. "Fighting for a good cause," to be sure—fighting for the oppressed, fighting for the protection of innocent children and for the honor of woman, fighting for freedom of the world from autocracy's menacing hand, yes, even fighting for the solidity of the United States government itself. Would that every soldier going into battle would carry those words: "However, I am thankful that I am here and fighting for a good cause." There could be no finer spirit and no more certain augury of ultimate victory for the right.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Dairyman's Problem.
 The endeavor of the food administration to regulate the prices of stock feed so as to lend some relief from the present exorbitant figures will interest the dairymen in New England. They have for the last few years found it exceedingly difficult to get their product into Boston for a price that the distributors could afford to pay. They have persistently reported of late that large numbers of cows are likely to go into beef if the business continues unprofitable. Many dairymen have already gone into other lines of work.

The problem of milk production and distribution is much more complex than it appears. Ten-cent milk is almost a tradition with city people, who cannot imagine why the price should advance. Yet the cost of farm labor, of feed and of transportation, to say nothing of the innumerable minor expenses that enter into the total, is steadily advancing. The distributors likewise have their problems, for wagon drivers are asking and getting and deserving more pay.—Boston Herald.

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Art Brought Home to the People.

S. J. Pedden and Frank W. Huntoon have each purchased granafola of Sears, Roebuck & Co. The music is very nice.—Simonsvilleitem.

"All disadvantages of weather conditions were forgotten in the enjoyment of the sermon last Sunday morning by the pastor from II. Corinthians, 3:18."—From the church notices.

Our observation has been that most of the press-agenting for the churches is done by the ministers, but in our most cynical frame we are loath to believe that the rule is unbreakable.

O Hum, Woman's Work Is Never Done.

Mrs. Merrill White is assisting in the barber shop afternoons.—Chester item.

In "Moonlight Rambles," which L. C. F. is contributing to the Morrisville News and Citizen, there is a human touch that represents the Great Unattainable for many a scribbler.

Green Mountain Echoes.

Glenn Jones is lengthening his wood pile by shortening the sticks.—Cristy district item.

After the Milk Trust convened they imparted the cheerful intelligence that after the 20th inst. milk would be 10c per quart.—Newbury item.

The doctor told Miss — that she must go to the hospital.—Felcherville item.

A robin has been a regular visitor to a fruit tree near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rosenquist for several days recently. He must find this a cold, cold world and wish he had not lingered in the lap of winter.—Charlestown item.

Roscoe and Vello Long moved a small house from Alstead to the valley early in the week. We noticed smoke from the chimney as they passed. They seemed to have the much needed fire.—Alstead item.

Dwight Matthews is down looking the Hub over and getting rested after a good year's work.—Felcherville item.

Sam Hill says he is going to have all the sugar he wants in spite of Uncle Sam, Hoover & Co. He will raise an acre or two of sugar beets, buy or borrow a cider mill and boil the beet sap with his maple sugar evaporator. He

says it is just as easy as running in debt.—Cristy district item.

"I Remember, I Remember"
 Charles F. Gale (known in his younger days as Red-Headed Charley and Doctor Watkins' pill vender) was in town the first of the week, looking over his stamping ground of some 40 years ago. Charles was chuck full of reminiscences, and the scrapes which he was in and instigated long ago were brought to light. If our memory serves us right, Charles was the only bad boy in town those days.—Newbury item.

"Police Men Convicted of Burglary."
 Headline.
 Alas, "except the Lord the city keep, the watchmen watch in vain."

P. N. Moulton began butchering this week and hopes to do a good business in that line.—Thetford correspondence.

He has made a stab, anyway.

The Unremembered.

I have prayed to God for glory in my fight.

Saying to you that I was not dismayed, That if I lost or won I'd keep my blade gleaming and all my battered armor bright.

But I have prayed to God through all the night.

Saying to you I should be unafraid.

Against the blows my shield has never stayed.

I have prayed to God for glory in my fight.

Who has not heard nor answered me at all.

So when I take my place in battle line, Do not believe that I am brave, but only this feeble battle flings me to the wall, Forever unremembered, fight or whine.

And so I fight. Little I am, and lonely! —Stray verse.

"Remember that the subscription price of The — will be \$1.50 after Jan. 1," advises an exchange, "and only a collar if you subscribe now."

There is nothing around our neck but a mill stone, but we'll subscribe now.

Barring the war, which is a perennial source of inspiration, nothing gluts the verse market more regularly than the w. k. seasons, spring and Christmas.

Our Cannery is full and in the snow-swept days of January we expect to have some excellent offers in marked-down poetry. See small bills.

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in our house, but the one who had to climb over the footboard of her bed to avoid stepping on a snow-covered rug, surely had the courage of her convictions, and remains a lively exponent of the healthfulness of having open windows in sleeping rooms.—West Newbury item.

It used to be said that New England air in winter was pure and bracing because the farmers slept with their windows down and the cracks plugged. Evidence against a pleasant old canard is piling up.

The Colyum thanks those who have felicitated it in this glad season, and asks Sir Toby Belcher to return the salute: "A very merry Xmas." M. S.

Those Dear Girls.
 The little Puss—He wore my photograph over his heart and it stopped the bullet.
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